

REMARKS

Claims 1-29 were pending in this application. The Applicant has amended claims 1 and 6, and added new claim 30. Each of the foregoing amendments were made merely for the purpose of clarifying the scope of the claimed invention. Applicant submits that the application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-30 now pending in this application is respectfully requested in view of the following.

A. Rejection under 35 U.S.C. 102

Independent claim 1 and dependent claims 2, and 5 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 as being anticipated by Sporgis et al. (U.S Pat. No. 6,320,495). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Amended claim 1 now recites, inter alia, communication means for sending information that is to be needed for a process of game from a players' side to a station's side through a communication line, wherein said information includes a specific key word associated with a specific item found by a player at said players' side, wherein said players' side can develop the game advantageously based on the number of said specific key words sent by said players' side; analysis means for analyzing said information so sent on said station's side and input to the analysis means by a supporter on the station's side, wherein the result of the analysis is based on the input of the information to the analysis means; and sending means for sending the player's side the result of the analysis inputted by a supporter, wherein the result of the analysis is input by the supporter on the station's side. For example, a team consists of players and a supporter. The players find item ID cards based on a keyword provided as a key to a station's side. The supporter on the station's side solves the riddle of the key word received from the players through the internet and give instructions to the players to find other ID cards. In addition, each player's side can be serviced differentially or proceed a last battle advantageously in accordance with kinds or the number of the key word or item acquired. The Supporter uses an internet terminal to input answers to a quiz or a key word. A result of analysis to the answer or the keyword from the station's side

is displayed on the internet terminal. Then, the supporter sends the result of analysis to the players by a sending means. Support for this recitation is seen, for example, at page 6 line 22 to page 11 line 13 of the Detailed Description.

These claimed features of Applicant's invention are not shown or even suggested by Sporgis et al. Specifically, Sporgis et al. merely discloses a game system that interchange information such as a location of player by GPS between players' side and a game master. In addition, the information includes a correct answer that the players solve puzzle or other clues. Thus, Sporgis et al. fails to disclose or suggest all of the claimed elements as now recited in claim 1.

Claims 2 and 5 depend from claim 1. Sporgis fails to teach all of the claimed elements recited in claims 2 and 5 for at least the same reasons discussed above with respect to claim 1.

B. Rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103

Independent claim 6 and dependent claims 7 and 10 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being obvious in view of Sporgis and Miyamoto et al. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The present Application discloses and claims in amended claim 6 a players' side sending information that is to be needed for the process of game to said a station's side through the communication line, wherein said information includes a specific keyword associated with a specific item found by a player at said players' side, wherein said player's side can develop the game advantageously based on the number of said specific key words sent by said player's side, and said information are stored in a storage section on said station's side, and a supporter sending the player's side the result of the analysis inputted by said supporter, and wherein said information so sent is analyzed by said station's side so as to send the results of the analysis indicating a hint as to the process of game from the station's side to the players' side, so that the game can be developed through information interchange. For example, a team consists of players and a supporter. The players find item ID cards based on a keyword provided as a key to a station's side. The supporter on the station's side solves the

riddle of the key word received from the players through the internet and give instructions to the players to find other the ID cards. In addition, each player's side can be serviced differentially or proceed a last battle advantageously in accordance with kinds or the number of the key word or item acquired. The Supporter uses an internet terminal to input answers to a quiz or a key word. A result of analysis to the answer or the keyword from the station's side is displayed on the internet terminal. Then, the supporter sends the result of analysis to the players by a sending means. Support for this recitation is seen, for example, at page 6 line 22 to page 11 line 13 of the Detailed Description.

These claimed features of Applicant's invention are not shown or even suggested by Sporgis et al. Specifically, Sporgis et al. merely discloses a game system that interchange information such as a location of player by GPS between players' side and a game master. In addition, the information includes a correct answer that the players solve puzzle or other clues.

Furthermore, the deficiencies identified in Sporgis et al. above, are not remedied by Miyamoto et al. Miyamoto et al. merely discloses a gaming system that permits playing a game in three dimensions where players can manipulate various camera angles when playing the game.

Thus, the combination of Sporgis et al. and Miyamoto et al. fails to disclose or suggest, alone or in combination all of the claimed elements recited in claim 6, 7 and 10.

Dependent claims 3, 8, 11, 15, 16, 21, 25 and 26 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being obvious in view of Sporgis and Nishino et al. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Dependent claims 3, 11, 15 and 16 depend on claim 1, on the other hand dependent claims 8, 21, 25 and 26 depend on claim 6.

These claimed features of Applicant's invention are not shown or even suggested by Sporgis et al. as discussed above.

Furthermore, the deficiencies identified in Sporgis et al. above, are not remedied by Nishino et al. Nishino et al. merely discloses a gaming system where responses must be provided within a set period of time when playing a game.

Thus, the combination of Sporgis et al. and Nishino et al. fails to disclose or suggest, alone or in combination all of the claimed elements recited in claims 3, 8, 11, 15, 16, 21, 25 and 26.

Dependent claims 4, 9, 12-14, 17-20 22-24 and 27-29 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being obvious in view of Sporgis, Miyamoto, Nishino, and Albukerk et al. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Dependent claims 4, 12-14 and 17-20 depend on claim 1, on the other hand dependent claims 9, 22-24, and 27-29 depend on claim 6.

These claimed features of Applicant's invention are not shown or even suggested by Sporgis, Miyamoto and Nishino et al. as discussed above.

Furthermore, the deficiencies identified in Sporgis, Miyamoto, Nishino et al. above, are not remedied by Albukerk et al. Albukerk et al. merely discloses a system that provides interpretive information about object or exhibits taking into account for variances in season, weather, tour group versus individual behaviors to visitors.

Thus, the combination of Sporgis, Miyamoto, Nishino and Albukerk et al. fails to disclose or suggest, alone or in combination all of the claimed elements recited in claim 4, 9, 12-14, 17-20, 22-24 and 27-29.

C. Conclusion


For the foregoing reasons, reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims is requested. If the Examiner has any questions about this Amendment and to facilitate prosecution, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned attorney. The Commissioner

is hereby authorized to charge any insufficient fees or credit any overpayment associated with this application to Deposit Account No. 19-5127 referencing 18920.0018.

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